STATE OF WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECALL OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR REBECCA KLEEFISCH, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY AND ORDER

- I, Kevin J. Kennedy, Director and General Counsel of the Government Accountability Board ("Board"), pursuant to §9.10(3)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, certify that:
- 1. On January 17, 2011, a petition to recall Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, from the office of Lieutenant Governor for the State of Wisconsin, was offered for filing with the Board pursuant to Article XIII, Section 12 of the Wisconsin Constitution and §9.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- 2. A minimum of 540,208 signatures of qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin are required for the Board to file the petition and order a recall election.
- 3. On January 25, 2012, Dane County Circuit Judge Richard G. Niess extended the deadline for filing a challenge to the sufficiency of the petition to February 27, 2012, and the deadline for certification of the petition by the Board to March 19, 2012. On March 14, 2012, the Court further extended the deadline for certification of the petition by the Board to March 30, 2012.
- 4. On March 1, 2012, Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch filed a "Sworn Written Challenge" to the sufficiency of the petition. The petitioner filed a rebuttal to the challenge on March 6, 2012.
- 5. On March 30, 2012, the Board held a public meeting to review the staff examination of the recall petition, the challenge, and the rebuttal.
- 6. Based on a careful examination of the recall petition conducted by the Board, including a review of the challenge, the rebuttal, and the reply, the Board found that the petition to recall Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch contained 808,990 qualifying signatures of electors of the State of Wisconsin and, based on that finding, certified that the petition is sufficient to recall Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and order a recall election.
- 7. In making its determination, the Board specifically adopted and approved the legal analysis and conclusions outlined in the staff memoranda dated March 12, 2012 and the accompanying exhibits which are incorporated herein by reference.

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- 8. The Board hereby files the petition pursuant to §9.10(3)(b), Wis. Stats., and a recall election is ordered this 30th day of March, 2012.
- 9. The recall election shall be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. If a primary is necessary, the primary shall be held on that date and the recall election shall be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.
- 10. Persons seeking nomination for the recall election may circulate nomination papers immediately upon issuance of this order, and shall file nomination papers containing not less than 2,000 nor more than 4,000 signatures of qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, in the offices of the Government Accountability Board, located at 212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 11. Rebecca Kleefisch shall be a candidate at the recall election without nomination unless she resigns from office not later than April 9, 2012.

Dated this 30th of March, 2012 at Madison, Wisconsin

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Kevin J. Kennedy
Director and C Director and General Counsel